

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraphs [0003], [0005], [0025], and [0026] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0003] The term "fuel cell" is typically used to refer to either a single cell or a plurality of cells (stack) depending on the context. A plurality of individual cells are typically bundled together to form a fuel cell stack and are commonly arranged in electrical series. Each cell within the stack includes the membrane electrode assembly (MEA) described earlier, and each such MEA provides its increment of voltage. By way of example, some typical arrangements for multiple cells in a stack are shown and described in U.S. Patent No. ~~5,663,143~~ 5,763,113.

[0005] In a fuel cell stack, a plurality of cells are stacked together in electrical series while being separated by a gas impermeable, electrically conductive bipolar plate. In some instances, the bipolar plate is an assembly formed by securing a pair of thin metal sheets having reactant flow fields formed on their external face surfaces. Typically, an internal coolant flow field is provided between the metal plates of the bipolar plate assembly. Various examples of a bipolar plate assembly of the type used in PEM fuel cells are shown and described in commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. ~~5,766,624~~ 5,776,624.

[0025] As indicated above, this system enclosure 110 includes various potential hydrogen sources. For example, hydrogen may be vented into the system enclosure 110 by the coolant reservoir 72 hydrogen vent 88 or by the fuel cell enclosure 92 hydrogen vent 98. In addition, hydrogen may potentially leak from the hydrogen supply tank 48 or reformer and associated hydrogen flow lines **[[112]]** 111 and fittings. Thus, a hydrogen vent 108 is located within a wall 112 of the system enclosure 110 to vent

hydrogen to the atmosphere. This hydrogen vent 108 has the same properties discussed above with respect to the previously identified hydrogen vents 88, 98.

[0026] Of course, many alternatives to the previously described preferred embodiment can be envisioned by those skilled in the art based upon the above description. For example, the hydrogen supply tank may be located outside of the system enclosure, but have its own hydrogen supply enclosure encompassing the area around the hydrogen supply tank. In addition, an oxygen supply tank may additionally be located within the system enclosure of FIG. **[[3]]** 2.